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In re Application of:		
Osborne	Examiner:	Patel, Nimesh G.
Application No: 09/591,928	Art Unit:	2189
Filed: June 12, 2000		
For: Method and Apparatus for Single Wire Signaling of Request Types in a Computer System Having a Point to Point Half Duplex Interconnect		

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131 IN SUPPORT OF PRIOR INVENTION

Sir:

We, Randy B. Osborne and David J. Harriman declare:

1. We are the inventors of the claims of the above-captioned patent application ("the Application") and the inventors of the subject matter described therein.

2. Prior to November 23, 1998, the filing date of U.S. Patent No. 6,618,782 cited in an Office Action mailed April 2, 2004, the invention claimed in the Application had been conceived and reduced to practice in the United States.

3. Attached Exhibit A, dated September 24, 1998, is an invention disclosure form describing the design of the Method and Apparatus for Single Wire Signaling of

Request Types in a Computer System Having a Point to Point Half Duplex Interconnect, and establishes that the subject matter claimed in the Application had been reduced to practice in the United States prior to November 23, 1998.

4. Exhibit A shows that an agent (e.g., second agent) coupled at one end of a the point to point half duplex interface transmits a signal to an agent at the other end (e.g., first agent) of the interface via a first component of the interface indicating the type of access the second agent is requesting. In addition, the first agent transmits a signal to the second agent via the first component of the interface indicating the type of access of the interface the first agent is requesting. See Exhibit A at Page 2, Section 3. "Description of Invention".

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: June 2, 2004

Randy B. Osborne

Dated: 2 Jun, 2004

David J. Harriman